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Governor Brewer Names Two to the Arizona Board of Regents

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today appointed two new members to the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR).

Ronald Shoopman has been appointed to replace outgoing Regent Dennis DeConcini, whose term expired in January. Mr. Shoopman will serve an 8-year term, pending confirmation by the Arizona State Senate.

“Ron has devoted his adult life to serving his community, Arizona and the nation,” said Governor Brewer. “Whether through his military background or his current role as president of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, he has demonstrated great leadership and passion for the issues most critical to the state, including higher education. Ron will represent ABOR and Arizona well in this new position.”

Mr. Shoopman has been president of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) since 2004. During his tenure, SALC has doubled in size and remains actively engaged in improving the areas most important to southern Arizona and the state, including education, infrastructure, healthcare, science and technology.

Previously, Mr. Shoopman served as General Officer and Wing Commander of the 162nd Fighter Wing, where he commanded the International F-16 Training Wing for the United States Air Force. He received numerous awards for his service, including the Legion of Merit, and remains an active supporter of Arizona’s military installations and veterans. Mr. Shoopman’s civilian experience includes seven years with Gates Learjet Corporation as sales manager for central U.S., a pilot for Continental Airlines and an instructor pilot and manager for Flight Safety International.

Mr. Shoopman is involved in the Tucson community and throughout Arizona, serving on the Health Information Network of Arizona, Arizona Business and Education Coalition and Tucson Values Teachers. He also is a member of the Leadership Council for the Flinn Brown Civic Leadership Academy and is Vice Chair of the state Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee. Mr. Shoopman received his professional and military education at the Air War College and the Air Command and Staff College, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Technology from Arizona State University.

Governor Brewer has also appointed William Ridenour to serve an 8-year term as Regent, pending State Senate confirmation. Mr. Ridenour succeeds Regent Anne Mariucci.

“William brings to the Board of Regents nearly five decades in legal and government experience,” said

Governor Brewer. "A well-respected attorney and leader on higher education issues in the community, William will be a valuable asset to the Board and a positive voice for higher education in Arizona."

Mr. Ridenour is Founder and Managing Partner of Ridenour Hienton & Lewis, PLLC, where he has worked since 1980. He formerly was a Partner with Gust Rosenfeld Divelbess and Henderson (1969-1979). He previously worked for the Office of U.S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater, in Phoenix (1968) and the Office of U.S. Senator Paul Fannin, in Washington, D.C. (1966-1967). Mr. Ridenour also served as Judge Pro Tem of the Maricopa County Superior Court (1980-1987) and is a member of the American, Arizona and Maricopa County Bar Association.

An active participant in his community and the state, Mr. Ridenour currently serves as a Board Member of the ASU College of Public Programs; Founding Member of Arizona Nurses Foundation; Board Member of the University of Arizona Foundation President's Society; Children's Steele Research Center Board of Directors; University of Arizona Law School Association Board of Directors; Arizona State Museum Board of Directors; Chair of the Heard Museum Board of Director's Development Committee; Founding Member of the Arizona Bar Foundation and more. He also was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking (2013).

Mr. Ridenour received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona (1970), where he served as President of the Student Bar Association, and earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Arizona (1966).

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